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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

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### N. C. - S. C. REGIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

South Carolina's new program for library service to the blind has been successfully launched. Final plans for a Regional Library for the Blind, serving the Carolinas, were made at a conference in Raleigh on August 11th. South Carolina was represented by Miss Estellene P. Walker and Miss Betty E. Callaham of the State Library Board and Mr. J. M. Cherry of the Division for the Blind. Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey, N. C. State Librarian, and Miss Anne Galusha were present for North Carolina. Mr. Charles Gallozzi, Assistant Chief of the Division for the Blind of the Library of Congress, also attended.

The Regional Library for the Blind, which began service on July 1st is jointly supported by North and South Carolina, with headquarters in Raleigh. For the first year South Carolina is contributing \$7,000 in order that its visually-handicapped citizens may share in the service. The Regional Library is to be operated under the direction of an Advisory Board, consisting of the Director of the South Carolina State Library Board, the North Carolina State Librarian, the Chief of the Division for the Blind of the Library of Congress, and two additional members from each state.

Through the new library, free library service will be available to every blind person in our state. Visually-handicapped readers will receive Talking Books (i. e., recorded books) from the Regional Library. South Carolina's public librarians will be called upon to aid in expanding this service. Librarians can first of all seek out the blind patrons in their own community. Once service is begun to a blind reader, he has continuing need for reader's advisory service that all librarians give. If a blind person comes to your library, or if you know of one who can't come in, share the wealth of your library and help him to open the door, by means of books, to rich, new experiences.

### S. C. LIBRARY BOARD CONCLUDES ANDERSON DEMONSTRATION

The State Library Board's participation in the demonstration of a consoli-



dated countywide library in Anderson County terminated on July 1, 1961.

Mrs. Sarah C. Smith, Librarian, released the following report to the Anderson Daily Mail, August 5, 1961:

"When the countywide system was established by referendum approving a one-and-a-half mill tax levy in 1958, the state library board agreed to furnish \$25,000 during the first three years, broken down into \$10,000 the first year, \$8,000 the second and \$7,000 the third year.

"Bulk of the first installment went to buy a new bookmobile . . . , which has served thousands of adults and school children in 45 communities and 14 schools throughout the county under expert guidance of Mrs. Emma Cole.

"The increase in book circulation and library membership since 1958 has been phenomenal. The circulation has risen from 138,877 in 1958 to 241,445 in 1960. Present membership is 16,523.

"The Anderson County Library has received state aid totaling \$40,388, including intern salaries and book improvement collection.

"The tax levy revenue has been \$49,500 during the first complete fiscal year of operation and \$55,000 in each of the other two years.

"This solid financial support, plus cooperation of the several communities, has provided among other things modern, well-equipped branch libraries at Belton and Honea Path, which were the only libraries outside Anderson before 1958, and at Pelzer and Williamston where new branches were established in early 1961 and May 1960, respectively.

"Plans are being made to open a branch at Pendleton.

"Anderson County through the library consolidation also gained a centralized headquarters for purchasing, book processing and administrative work, helping avoid duplication of the former four library systems and ensuring the widest availability and circulation of books.

"The bookstock now is 53,920, of which 2,500 are constantly rotated on the bookmobile serving virtually every community in the county regularly.

"Each branch library is open at least 20 hours a week."

#### GREENVILLE BOARD SIGNS CONTRACT FOR DEMONSTRATION

At a meeting on August 23, 1961, members of the newly organized Greenville County Library Board and Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library



Board signed a contract which provides for a three-year demonstration of superior countywide library services.

Under the terms of the contract, the State Library Board will grant \$45,000 over the three-year period. Romaine A. Barnes, Chairman of the Greenville Board, said that members of his board were pleased not only by the financial assistance but also by the counsel and technical facilities which would be available from the State Library Board.

The total 1961-62 budget for the Greenville County Library will be more than \$200,000. The local tax will provide \$178,000, to which fines and fees, the demonstration grant and funds from the Book Collection Improvement Projects of the State Library Board will be added.

#### JUNIOR INTERNS' - LIBRARIANS' MEETING

The State Library Board called a conference of supervising librarians and junior interns on August 8 for the purpose of evaluating the program. This procedure was followed last year and the resulting recommendations proved its value.

The recent meeting was attended by librarians and interns from the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Anderson, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Colleton, Greenwood, Horry, Laurens, Lexington and Richland county libraries.

The Greenville contingent was prevented from attending because of mechanical difficulties en route.

After a general meeting conducted by Estellene P. Walker, Director, State Library Board, in the Conference Room of the Richland County Library, the interns and the librarians held separate group meetings.

Following a luncheon the interns were taken on a tour of the State Library offices.

In addition to Miss Walker the following Library Board staff members attended the conference: Betty E. Callahan; May Moore, a former intern and a summer assistant; and Dorothy Smith.

#### OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARIAN RESIGNS

Elizabeth B. Green (Mrs. Ray) resigned as head of the Oconee County Library effective August 19. Mrs. Green has been librarian since 1949.

The Greens with their young son are moving to Hampton, Virginia.





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August 3, 1961

ERNEST F. HOLLINGS

Dear Miss Walker:

I regret that my schedule will not permit me to attend your meeting in person. I would, however, deem it a personal favor if you would convey my best wishes to the young men and women at the meeting of the Junior Library Internes.

It is extremely important that public education and communication continue and be improved through the use of library facilities. Each year it becomes more evident that we must have an educated and informed public. I know of no better way to achieve this goal than through extensive use of library facilities.

Please convey to your group that no program of this sort will succeed unless we have trained and dedicated personnel to operate library systems. I am hopeful that the experience and knowledge they gain during this summer will encourage many of them to proceed into library work on a full-time basis.

I congratulate them on their efforts and dedication and hope sometime to meet with them personally.

Sincerely,

Miss Estellene P. Walker  
Director, State Library Association  
1001 S. Main Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

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"SO BE IT"

by Mrs. C. W. (Marie) Gross, President, L.B.I.

(In an article in "The Library Binder," May 1961, Mrs. Gross expresses her concern over the direction our culture seems to be taking. Here are some of the pertinent questions she poses.)

"WHY does a city administration build a magnificent school costing several million dollars and fail to provide a single penny for books so that parents are importuned to donate the books to fill the library's Mother Hubbard shelves?

"WHY does a county expend vast sums to construct a huge stadium while the public library is still operating in a building of colonial vintage after 25 years despite a 1,100% increase in service, its professional staff daily lugging arms full of books across a yard to and from a bookmobile and up and down four flights of stairs?

"WHY with all the tremendously challenging opportunities to present the glorious events, literature and art of the ages and the geographical beauties, drama and music of the present and immediate past, do we have an almost continuous diet of televised insignificant trash?

"WHY with the enormous amount of time and energy released by the short work week and the work saving devices in both household and factory, do we fail to use a larger percentage of this dispensation to continue our education, to witness for our religious faith, to clear the atmosphere of the ever-present unpleasant political odors, to improve some other facet of our community life?

"WHY with the world's highest wages, salaries and investment incomes is such an appallingly large percentage of the extra money spent for alcohol, tobacco, cosmetics and slot machines, instead of for good books and records, travel for education and relaxation and not for setting of new mileage records, further education for our young people?"

NEWS OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. E. V. Hinton, Gaffney, a member of the Cherokee County Library Board, and Mrs. W. L. Norton, Oconee County Library Commissioner, are included in the second edition of Who's Who of American Women.

Mrs. Norton was the official delegate from The S. C. Library Association's Trustee Section to the American Library Association Conference in Cleveland July 9 - 15, 1961. She is also vice-chairman of the Trustee Section of the Southeastern Library Association.



## Book Deposit Stations Set Up in County Industries

As the result of National Book Week and the efforts of the county chairman P. W. Townsend, two book depositories have been set up in the county and plans are pending for others. Presently such units have been established at Asten-Hill and at Youngwear Products at Smoaks.

Under this plan a certain number of books are carried to these plants by the personnel of the Colleton County Memorial Library. Workers

can select the books wanted and through an honor system take the books wanted. At Asten-Hill the books are in the cafeteria and at Youngwear Products a book shelf has been placed in an accessible area.

County Librarian Mrs. Marguerite Thompson said that she was well pleased with the response. She noted that at Asten-Hill, where the workers are predominantly men, a different selection is required. Requests have been received for special books which will be obtained and placed with the group. She said she was very pleased with the way the system has worked so far and particularly as more people are able to use the facilities of the county library through this method.

This is the first time that such a plan has been attempted in the county and the results were better than anticipated. At first only 25 books were selected but this number is not sufficient to meet the demand and more will be carried. Periodically the volumes will be changed.

FLORENCE (S.C.) MORNING NEWS  
August 11, 1961

## Florence Gets New Librarian From Colleton

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, a native of Orangeburg, has moved to Florence from Walterboro to assume the position of librarian at Florence Library.

Mrs. Thompson comes here from the Colleton County Memorial Library, where she has served as Librarian since 1948.

During her tenure at Walterboro, the library grew from two rooms in the County Courthouse to a new \$100,000 building. It was established through a merger of the county and town libraries.

The new librarian is currently a member of the executive board of the State Association, Chairman of the Association's Handbook Committee, and chairman of the 1961 committee on nominations.

She is a member of the South Carolina Library Association, the Southeastern Library Association, and the American Library Association.

Mrs. Thompson has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of South Carolina and a graduate degree in library science from Emory University, Atlanta.

## Additional \$10 To Cooling Fund Of Smith Library

An additional contribution of \$10 has been received by the R. H. Smith Public Library for its Air Conditioning Fund which was initiated last week.

The contribution was identified as being from "A Friend, Cayce." The initial contribution was made by Mrs. A. J. Boyer of West Columbia.

At the present time the total received amounts to \$20.

An estimated \$1,400 is needed to air condition the library, with the exception of the Knox Abbott Room which will cost an additional \$750.

Individuals, civic groups, and businesses are invited to contribute directly to the Air Conditioning Fund, R. H. Smith Public Library, West Columbia, S. C.

A statement of receipts will be made each week in The Journal.

THE CHESTER COUNTY CHRONICLE  
July 6, 1961

## Memorial Library Will Begin Loan Of Books Thursday

The new Matheson Memorial Library at 612 Kershaw Street will open its facilities to book borrowers Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

At the present time only fiction, children's and a few new books will be available for loan from the library, which will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10-12 a.m. and 2-5:30 p.m.

The formal opening of the Matheson Memorial Library will be held in the fall, when there will be many new books of a wide variety, both circulating and reference, Mrs. Austin Brewer, librarian, said.

"Until then we hope you will enjoy what we have and also the beauty of the historic old house since its restoration," Mrs. Brewer invited.

THE CHESTER COUNTY REPORTER  
June 21, 1961

## Harry Abernathy On Library Board

Harry Abernathy, local attorney, has been elected a member of the Chester County Library Board to serve for the next four years, beginning July.

He replaces J. Witcher Turner, whose term expires on that date. Ed Lindsay is the other Great Falls Board member.



## 1962 DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER LIBRARY AWARDS

Application forms for the 1962 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Awards may now be obtained by interested libraries from the State Library Board.

The Award, an annual grant of \$5,000, and nine supplementary grants of \$1,000 each for the purchase of books, is made each year to libraries in the United States selected by the Book-of-the-Month Club with the advice and cooperation of the American Library Association. The directors of the Book-of-the-Month Club established the Award in 1959, the winter following Mrs. Fisher's death, as a lasting memorial to their friend and associate, who served as a member of the editorial board of the Club from the year of its founding until 1951, a quarter of a century.

The Greenwood City and County Library was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant in 1961. The official presentation was made during National Library Week.

### CRITERIA

- 1) The library applying must be:
  - a) A public library serving a population of less than 25,000 people (1960 census).
  - b) Or, if a regional library, the largest population served by any unit may not exceed 25,000; the other units must serve less than 5,000.
- 2) The library must show evidence of having governing officials actively interested in the progress of the library program.
- 3) It must be housed in a building capable of providing adequate shelving and display space for the additional books.
- 4) Its community must make active use of its present facilities, free of charge, and support them adequately.
- 5) At least half of the annual total support of the library must be derived from public funds.
- 6) The library must make maximum use of funds available to it, be supported at least at the usual level for libraries of its size in the state, and show evidence in its plans for a distinctive need for and a purposeful use of additional book funds. Libraries supported at high per capita levels considerably above state averages will probably be disqualified unless there are other factors showing special need.
- 7) The library must be open to the public five days a week for at least part of each day, including some evenings.
- 8) The library shall provide equal service to all, regardless of race, creed or nationality.



- 9) No state shall be disqualified from an award because of winners in previous years. Judging shall not be made on a geographical basis, except that no state shall receive two awards in the same year.

Completed application forms must be submitted to the State Library Board by October 9, 1961.

### HERE AND THERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

#### Chester County

Jane Gates, seven, was the 1,000th member to join the Great Falls Branch of the Chester County Library.

#### Chesterfield County

Borrowers are using the Matheson Memorial Library in Cheraw, although the furnishings, draperies, and equipment have not arrived. The formal opening will be held in September.

#### Horry County

Operation Alert, a Myrtle Beach organization, has ordered twenty books dealing with Communism for the Chapin Memorial Library.

#### Lancaster County

The Lancaster County Library has had the roof repaired and the entire interior painted.

#### Sumter County

In the interest of providing space for a comfortable browsing area, 8,000 books and the card catalog were relocated in the Carnegie Library, Sumter, S. C.

#### Williamsburg County

Mrs. John E. Flanigen has resigned as librarian of the Kingstree Carnegie Library. The Flanigens are moving to Pinopolis where Mr. Flanigen will be the rector.

### DR. TUCKER COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Robert C. Tucker, Furman University Librarian, and past president of the



South Carolina Library Association, was the principal speaker at the Furman University summer session commencement exercises on August 22.

Dr. Tucker's address was entitled The Essential Ingredient, which he said was integrity, impossible to obtain but worth striving for. He stressed the importance of free inquiry in a free society and the necessity of responsibility on the part of citizens.

#### WRITE FOR THESE

(The materials listed below are free unless a price is given.)

Citizen Leaders Are Preventing Juvenile Delinquency: Some Programs That Work, is a pamphlet which may be obtained from: American Correctional Association, 135 East 15th Street, New York 3, New York.

A new revision of a booklet about seventeen authors is offered by Thomas Y. Crowell, (432 Park Avenue South, New York 16, Attention: Children's Promotion Department.)

Alfred Knopf (457 Madison Avenue, New York 22, Attention: Borzoi Books for Young People) has available a visual aid from Anne Colver's Nobody's Birthday.

Free to libraries and schools are a limited number of end sheets from picture books of Macmillan (60 Fifth Avenue, New York 11).

Reprints of Rand McNally's advertisement in honor of National Library Week are available from them (P. O. Box 7600, Chicago 80, Attention: Mr. Roy Porter).

A reprint of Sara Fenwick's article, "Storytelling" from the American Educator Encyclopedia is available from the United Educators, Inc. (Publishers House, Lake Bluff, Illinois).

Reproductions of the fourteen paintings of American heroic exploits that hang on the walls of the Pentagon are available at \$2.50 a set from the U. S. Government Printing Office (Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25).

The U. S. Government Printing Office has published in connection with the Civil War Centennial Commission's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War . . . a series of publications pertinent to the time of that conflict. Written by leading authorities on Civil War history, these informative publications take the reader on a verbal trip back through history as they provide many exciting and interesting facts about the areas described. Each booklet not only describes the shrines and memorials as they stand today but depicts the historical background and significant events which made them famous.

Each booklet contains 50-60 pages and costs 25¢.



Request the list, Authoritative Government Publications Relating to The Civil War from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

The 10th edition (1961) of the Children's Catalog is now available. Four annual supplements will keep it effective until 1965. The price is \$12.00 from the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, N. Y.

A copy of the ALA Library Bill of Rights (1961) printed in three colors and in poster size, suitable for framing may be obtained from Office of the Executive Director, ALA Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill. If payment accompanies the order the price is 75¢ each; if billed, \$1.00.

**YOUR PROBLEMS**  
by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Last week my fourth cousin twice removed died suddenly in Chicago and I thought I should go to the funeral. Since I had never met this cousin, I felt really obligated to go and console the family. That broom-rider I work for, however, refused to give me the time off and said that if I insisted on going, this would have to count as part of my vacation. Obviously, she was just being hateful. What do you think I should do to get even?

**Grieving Cousin**

Dear Grieving (not much, I think):

Well! The eagerness and spitefulness evidenced by your desire to "get even" appalls me!

While I'm recovering enough to conduct an inquiry, I'll ask if you're sure some other interest rather than condoling with the family didn't motivate the promotion of a trip to Chicago?

Now, doesn't your library have a staff manual which defines circumstances under which leave for attending funerals, etc. is granted? If you do, I'd suggest that you study them. If you don't have such a manual, send me your librarian's name, and I'll be happy to recommend same and to express my sympathy for having such a sad staff member to her.

Shame on you,

Anne



## LIBRARY BOARD INTERNS ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS

Three of the interns who held working-studying scholarships under the senior intern program of the State Library Board have completed the requirements for a master's degree and have accepted positions in South Carolina libraries.

Ann Frances Blackmon returned to the Anderson County Library from Florida State University. Miss Blackmon will be in charge of the Extension Department.

Charles Busha received his degree from Rutgers and has joined the staff of the newly organized Greenville County Library. For the present he is head of the Catalog Department.

Rachel E. Ellis is a branch librarian of the Charleston County Library after completing her studies at Emory University.

On account of her health, Hilda McKiever, Conway, has been unable to complete her graduate work at Atlanta University.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

The Florida State Library and the Florida State University Library School are sponsoring a Public Relations Workshop October 19-21, 1961 for public librarians in the southeastern states. The program, led by Miss Ruth Warncke, Assistant Professor, School of Library Service, Western Reserve University, will be devoted to the interpretation of public library service and will include sessions on analyzing services and communities.

The registration fee is \$5.00 and participants will arrange for their own accommodations.

For a complete program, which will be available later, write Miss Verna Nistendirk, Director, Library Extension, Florida State Library, Tallahassee, Florida.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY SURVEY

"Dr. Phillip Monypenny, professor of political science, University of Illinois, has been appointed director of the Survey of Standards for State Library Agencies, as announced by David H. Clift, executive director of the American Library Association . . . .

"The survey is the first attempt to develop standards of service based on a nation-wide survey of existing practices. The Survey and Standards Committee



of the Association of State Libraries of the American Library Association is acting as an advisory committee to the research staff making the survey. Serving as field workers on the research staff will be: Dr. Mary Edna Anders, Spec. Research Scientist, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Dr. Leon Carnovsky, Professor, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago; and Dr. Ed Wight, Professor, School of Librarianship, University of California. . . ."

### CAROLINIANA

The University of South Carolina Press is reissuing by offset process Wallace, D. D., South Carolina, A Short History. This one volume history based on Dr. Wallace's three volume history was published by the University of North Carolina Press in 1951. The price of the U. S. C. edition is \$7.50.

Mrs. Louise Jones DuBose, director of the University of South Carolina Press, has edited Persons, Places and Happenings in Old Walhalla, by Charles Sloan Reid and Marguerite Brennecke, with additions by R. C. Carter II. This volume costs \$5.00 and, if not available locally, may be ordered from the Walhalla Historical Society, P. O. Box 11, Walhalla for \$5.50, which includes sales tax, packing and postage.

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